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Spirits to High Prices.

WEAKNESS GENERAL AT THE CLOSE

Bad Effect Produced by Announce-
ment of \$2,000,000 in Gold Today—
Inward Movement of Cash Some-
what of an Offset.(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—There was a
very irregular tone in the stock
market at all times today. Stocks
which are often left in an obscure
position for long periods were made
conspicuous with successive spurts
to higher prices, but the tone of the
general list was distinctly heavy
early in the day.Later when the estimates of the
week's cash changes appeared and
partly nullified the impression made
by the gold export engagements,
there was some improvement in the
general list, but weakness was
general at the close.The bad effect produced by the en-
gagement of \$2,000,000 gold for ship-
ment to Paris tomorrow was due
rather to its indication of changes in
London than to any direct effect ap-
prehended in the local market.The dimensions of the inward
movement of cash to the New York
banks deprives this prospect of any
power to alarm sentiment. Some
attention was given to the wheat
market in connection with the fear
that the freezing temperature might
injure the winter wheat.Bonds were firm. Total sales, par
value \$7,468,000. United States
bonds were unchanged on call. To-
tal sales today, \$75,000 shares, in-
cluding: Smelting, 62,400; Atlantic
Coast Line, 400; Chesapeake & Ohio
12,500; Louisville & Nashville, 1,000;
Missouri Pacific, 36,100; Missouri,
Kansas & Texas, 88,100; Norfolk &
Western, 7,100; Reading, 69,300; Rock
Island Co., 51,300; Rock Island Co.,
pfd, 45,900; Sloss Sheffield Steel &
Iron, 400; Southern Railway, 16,600;
do pfd, 6,400; Tennessee Copper, 3,200;
Union Pacific, 79,300; United States
Steel, 37,500; Virginia Carolina Chem-
ical, 1,100.Amalgamated Copper, 83%;
American Car & Foundry, 49%;
American Car & Foundry, pfd, 109;
American Cotton Oil, 43%;
American Hide & Leather, pfd, 36%;
American Ice Securities, 20%;
American Linsseed, 14%;
American Locomotive, 56;
American Locomotive, pfd, 111;
American Smelting & Refng, 87%;
Amer. Smelting & Refng, pfd, 104%;
American Sugar Refining, 128;
American Tobacco, pfd, 92%;
American Woolen, 30%;
Anaconda Mining Co., 49;
Atchafalaya, 99%;
Atchafalaya, pfd, 101;
Atlantic Coast Line, 108%;
Baltimore & Ohio, 105%;
Baltimore & Ohio, pfd, 93;
Brooklyn Rapid Transit, 69%;
Canadian Pacific, 176%;
Central Leather, 31%;
Central Leather, pfd, 101;
Central of New Jersey, 232;
Chesapeake & Ohio, 58;
Chicago Great Western, 8%;
Chicago & North Western, 178;
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul, 149%;
C. C. & St. Louis, 70;
Colorado Fuel & Iron, 42%;
Colorado & Southern, 66%;
Colorado & Southern, 1st pfd, 83%;
Colorado & Southern, 2nd pfd, 81%;
Consolidated Gas, 127;
Corn Products, 18%;
Delaware & Hudson, 179%;
Denver & Rio Grande, 38%;
Denver & Rio Grande, pfd, 80.%;
Distillers' Securities, 37%;
Erie, 32%;
Erie, 1st pfd, 48%;
Erie, 2nd pfd, 37%;
General Electric, 156%;
Great Northern, pfd, 146;
Great Northern Ore Cts., 72%;
Illinois Central, 145%;
Interborough-Met, 156;
Interborough-Met, pfd, 46;
International Paper, 12%;
International Paper, pfd, 56%;
International Pump, 40%;
Iowa Central, 31%;
Kansas City Southern, 42%;
Kansas City Southern, pfd, 73%;
Louisville & Nashville, 124%;
Minneapolis & St. Louis, 61%;
Minn. St. P. & Sault St. M., 147;
Missouri Pacific, 71%;
Missouri, Kansas & Texas, 42%;
Missouri, Kansas & Texas, pfd, 74;
National Lead, 78%;
New York Central, 128;
New York Ontario & Western, 47%;
Norfolk & Western, 86%;
North American, 74%;
Northern Pacific, 141%;
Pacific Mail, 34%;
Pennsylvania, 133%;
People's Gas, 103;
Pittsburg, C. C. & St. Louis, 85%;
Pittsburg Steel Car, 42%;
Pittsburg Steel Car, pfd, 169;
Railway Steel Spring, 47%;
Reading, 140%;
Republic Steel, 25%;
Republic Steel, pfd, 86%;
Rock Island Co., 25%;
Rock Island Co., pfd, 62%;
St. Louis & San Fran. 2nd pfd, 41%;
St. Louis Southwestern, 33

ASK THAT ELECTION

BE DECLARED VOID

Petitioners in Roanoke Say Recent
Local Option Election Was Not
Legally Held.ROANOKE, Jan. 8.—A petition,
signed by twenty-six citizens of Roanoke,
was presented to corporation
court today asking that the recent
local option election here be declared
null and void.
The petitioners claim that the city
sergeant failed to post notice of elec-
tion in Melrose and Jefferson wards;
that the original and supplemental pe-
tition asking the court to grant an
election was not signed by one-fourth
of the qualified voters; that in No-
vember election, 2,112 votes were
cast; that the petition contained 869
names, of which 544 had to be qual-
ified voters; that as a matter of fact,
only 521 were qualified; that the
treasurer of the city failed to prop-
erly publish five months prior to regu-
lar election in November the list of
qualified voters and that the clerk
failed to deliver the list to the ser-
geant; that the treasurer also failed
to make a list of persons who had
paid their poll tax for three years as
required to do by law and that there-
by many lost their votes and that the
act under which the election was held
is unconstitutional.

DECISION SOON.

Governor in Next Few Days to Decide
Upon Fate of Gilbert.NORFOLK, Jan. 8.—Governor
Swanson, who passed through the
city today to his way to the ocean
public high school, corner of Prince-
Anne and Gloucester streets, in Prince-
Anne county, said he finished last night
reading the evidence in the case of
Benjamin F. Gilbert, whose death
sentence for the murder of Miss
Amanda Morse the governor has been
asked to commute to life imprison-
ment, but that there are other fea-
tures of the case that he must yet
consider before giving decision.
The governor said any newspaper
or other intimations one way or
the other as to what action he will take
in the Gilbert case have been wholly
unauthorized.Governor Swanson said he would
likely decide Gilbert's case in the
next four or five days, but added that
should anything else prevent his get-
ting down to it at once following his
return to Richmond, he will grant
Gilbert a respite until he can give
final decision on the application for
commutation.

St. Louis Southwestern, pfd	57
Sloss Sheffield Steel & Iron	77
Southern Pacific	118%
Southern Pacific, pfd	121
Southern Railway	26%
Southern Railway, pfd	61%
Tennessee Copper	47%
Texas & Pacific	36
Toledo, St. Louis & West	48
Toledo, St. Louis & West, pfd	72
Union Pacific	180%
Union Pacific, pfd	95%
United States Rubber	34
United States Rubber, 1st pfd	106%
United States Steel	62%
United States Steel, pfd	113%
Utah Copper	45%
Virginia Carolina Chemical	44%
Virginia Carolina Chemical, pfd	113
Wabash	19%
Wabash, pfd	51%
Westinghouse Electric	84
Western Union	68
Wheeling & Lake Erie	12%
Wisconsin Central	36%
A. T. & T. Co.	126%
Standard Oil	67%

Chicago Grain Market.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, ILL., Jan. 8.—A marked
improvement in the milling demand
for the cash grain had a strengthen-
ing influence on the wheat market
here today. At the close, prices
were a shade lower to 1/4 cent higher
compared with the previous close.
Corn and oats closed firm and pro-
visions steady.
Articles. Open. High. Low. Close.
Wheat—
May 102 107% 106 107%
July 98 98% 97% 98%
Sept 94 91 94 94%
Corn—
May 61% 72 61% 61%
July 62% 62% 61% 62%
Sept 62% 62% 62% 62%
Oats—
May 51% 52% 51% 52
July 46% 46% 46% 46%
Sept 39% 39% 39% 39%

Baltimore Produce Markets.

(By Associated Press.)

BALTIMORE, MD., Jan. 8.—Flour,
dull, unchanged.
WHEAT—Steady; spot contract
104% a 1/4; do red Western 105% a
1/4; Southern on grade 101% a 104%.
CORN—Steady; new spot contract
65% a 1/4.
OATS—Firm.
RYE—Nominal; No. 2 Western ex-
port 83.
BUTTER—Firm, unchanged.
EGGS—Firm, unchanged.
CHEESE—Firm, unchanged.
SUGAR—Steady, unchanged.

New York Money Market.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Money on
call easy, 1% a 2 per cent; ruling rate
2; offered at 2; closing bid 1%. Time
loans easy, 60 days 2% to 2% per cent;
and 90 days 2% to 3 per cent;
six months 3% to 3% per cent. Close:
Prime mercantile paper 3% to 4
per cent; sterling exchange strong
with actual business in bankers' bills
at 48.90 a 48% for 60 day bills and
at 48.72 for demand. Commercial
bills 48% a 1/4; bar silver 51%.
Mexican dollars 44; Government
bonds steady; railroad bonds firm.

PRESIDENT'S CHARGES

AGAINST TILLMAN

(Continued from First Page.)

for endeavoring to inveigle others
into his game."
Enclosed the President says Mr.
Hale would find photographic similes
of letters and envelopes from Sena-
tor Tillman and his agent, William
E. Lee, bearing on the matter.
A letter of Senator Tillman to
Oregon attorneys is quoted as fol-
lows:
"I wired you from Wausau, Wis., as
follows and write to confirm it:
"William E. Lee, my agent, will see
you about land. I want nine quar-
ters reserved. Will forward signed
applications and money at once.
Members of my family are entreat-
ing. (Signed)
B. R. T.
"I write now to say I wired Mr.
Lee who resides at Moscow, Idaho,
to go at once to Marshfield and see
you about the land, to locate quar-
ters for the seven members of my
family who are of age and one for my
private secretary, J. B. Knight, whom
I desire to let in to the deal, and of
course he wants a quarter for him-
self."
A Good Gamble.
"The letter continued," writes the
President, "stating in detail what
was done in order to enable the sena-
tor to get the land. The William
E. Lee, to whom Senator Tillman
thus referred as his agent, wrote to
Reeder & Watkins December 7 a let-
ter, photographic copy of which is
herewith submitted, marked 'exhibit

NOTHING ABOUT CABINET

Taft-Knox Conference Ended, But
Result Not Given Out.

SENATOR LEAVES AHEAD OF TIME

Something Definite May Be Given Out
In Few Days—Yet It Is Possible
That All Announcements May Come
In Bunch.(By Associated Press.)
AUGUSTA, GA., Jan. 8.—The Taft-
Knox cabinet conference is over and
the Pennsylvania senator is tonight
on his way back to Washington.Neither the President-elect nor his
advisors will discuss the result, and
it is strongly hinted by Mr. Taft to-
night that his cabinet will be made
known for the first time when he
sends the names of the men who are
to compose it to the senate for con-
firmation, after the fourth of March.
However, something more definite
as to his determination may be ex-
pected within a few days.From the early ending of the con-
ference with Mr. Knox—he said last
night he expected to get away by
Sunday, if possible—it seems a reason-
able conclusion that the Taft cabi-
net is decided upon.

Yet to Be Invited.

If this is the case, it is also un-
doubtedly true that the men who are
to compose that body have yet to be
invited to become cabinet ministers
and their answers considered.Asked why Mr. Knox's visit had
been so abbreviated, Mr. Taft said
that the consultation had been finish-
ed, and that he had talked over a
large number of matters.After Mr. Knox had gone Mr. Hitch-
cock had an extended talk with the
President-elect.Mr. Taft said while he was at Hot
Springs that it was his desire to have
his cabinet announcement cover the
whole cabinet. This is understood to
be the advice he received from Mr.
Knox on the subject.

Columbia in Itinerary.

The President-elect today added
Columbia, S. C., to the list of South-
ern cities he will visit at the first
opportunity after he becomes Presi-
dent.He is invited to attend the annual
meeting of the bar association by a
delegation headed by ex-Governor
Sheppard, president of the associa-
tion. The meeting takes place on
one of the days Mr. Taft expects to
be in Atlanta.Governor-elect Joseph M. Brown,
of Georgia, and a local delegation
paid their respects to Mr. Taft to-
day.

Indiana Politics Discussed.

Indiana politics was discussed
between Mr. Taft and Addison G.
Harris, of Indianapolis, who stopped
here on his return from Florida.Mr. Taft was compelled to decline
a luncheon which the Taft Club of
Columbus wished to give him here for
lack of time.He will tomorrow partake of a bar-
becue a few miles across the Savan-
nah river in South Carolina as the
guest of the Beech Island Farmers'
Club.

Loeb and Cromwell Not Coming.

The visit here of William Loeb,
Jr., secretary to President Roosevelt,
has been abandoned.Mr. Loeb was to make arrange-
ments for the Taft Panama trip dur-
ing the holiday recess of Congress.Mr. Taft could not give the matter
his attention during the Christmas
holidays and Mr. Loeb is busily en-
gaged with the arrangements which
will be arranged by correspondence.William Nelson Cromwell has writ-
ten Mr. Taft on the subject on which
he was wanted and it probably will
not be necessary for him to comply
with Mr. Taft's request for his pres-
ence here.

PROGRESS IS STEADY

AND NATURALLY SLOW

But Dun Finds That Trade Revival
Continues on Very Satisfactory
Lines.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—R. G. Dun &
Company's weekly review of trade
tomorrow will say:
Credit and confidence are again
established on a firmer basis at the
opening of the new year than at any
time in the past 15 months. Pro-
gress is steady and naturally slow,
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and cotton yarns are heavy.The easier tendency in hides is
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of the present take off. Shoe fac-
tories in New England have larger
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TRANSFER COMPANIES.

OLD DOMINION BAGGAGE TRANS-
FER, office C & O Station, Phone
5-11, Nos. 401 and 125; CHESNEY
12.D-4. In this letter Mr. Lee explains
that he had written Senator Tillman
fully as to the status of the land
matter, advising him that it was a "good
gamble" but that the senator was let-
turing, so that he did not get Mr.
Lee's letter until a week and a half
later."

The letter continues:

"In case Senator Tillman gets in
on this deal with some good land in
the eight quarters we want, I am
satisfied that he can be of great help
in getting matters started from
Washington and cause the govern-
ment to get busy and do something
along the line you desire."

Will Set Up Howl.

"He will set up such a howl that
it will be impossible to do otherwise.
This will be very important for your
whole scheme to have a man of his
influence here to aid you at this
end of the line. By all means save
a lot of good land for us, as we intend
to be of more value than any one of
the others in this matter."Then is quoted Senator Tillman's
resolution providing for the institu-
tion of the land suits, after which
the President quotes from the sena-
tor's letter of February 15 to Messrs
Reeder & Watkins.

Says the President:

"He stated that what he
has done in stirring up the
question of the Oregon land grants
to the railroads has been done en-
tirely apart from any personal inter-
est he has in the matter and adds
"Although I never would have had
my attention called to it but for the
investigation as set on foot in connec-
tion with the proposed purchase by
me of some of the land in question."Of course if I decide to make the
land and go into the lawsuit, I will
bear your proposition in mind, but
I would have you understand that
nothing I do here in the Senate will
be done because of any personal
purchase of any of the land. If I
can succeed in causing the govern-
ment to institute suit for the recovery
of the land and make it easier for
others as well as myself (the italics
are mine) to obtain some of it, I shall
do it without any regard to the deal-
ings with your firm.

Wanted Some of Land.

"I still want to get some of the
timber land if it is possible and as
it is possible that Mr. Lee or some
other representative of mine will be
in your country in the next two
months, we will have the matter of
payment for the initiatory steps and
subsequent proceedings in abeyance
for the present. Any contract we
might make will be entirely apart
from, and independent of my work
here. I will be glad for you to hold
in reserve eight of the best quarter
sections of which you have definite
information and I will in the mean-
time press the investigation and
other work here, which will facilitate
the final purchases, and in effect
obviate the necessity for your mak-
ing any case in the courts at all."

Sent in Franked Envelope.

This letter, purely pertaining to
Mr. Tillman's personal and private
business, was sent in a franked en-
velope of which I attach photographic
copy marked 'Exhibit D5.'I call your attention to the letter
of Mr. Door to the postmaster gen-
eral, under date of November 22,
1908, 'Exhibit E,' in which he asks
for relief from the charges which
Senator Tillman had brought against
him, saying that he had no knowledge
that Senator Tillman desired his
operations to be kept hidden and
secret from general public knowl-
edge.The postmaster general seems to
indicate that this young man, Mr.
Door, acted in good faith, but that
he used Senator Tillman's applica-
tion for land as an advertisement."

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for furnishing and delivering subsis-
tence stores in this city during the
month of February, 1909, in accord-
ance with specifications of the Com-
missary General, Washington, March
27th, 1908, will be received at this
office until eleven o'clock A. M. Tues-
day, January 12th, 1909, and then
opened. Information furnished on
application. Envelopes containing
bid should be marked "Proposals
for subsistence stores opened Janu-
ary 12th, 1909," and addressed to
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